

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2006

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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Napoli, Apa, Bartling, Bogue, Duenwald, Duniphan, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Kloucek, Koskan, Lintz, McCracken, McNenny, Peterson (Jim), Schoenbeck, Smidt, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), and Two Bulls and Representatives Brunner, Bradford, Buckingham, Davis, Dennert, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Hackl, Haley, Halverson, Haverly, Hills, Howie, Jensen, Klaudt, Lange, O'Brien, Pederson (Gordon), Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Sebert, Tidemann, Turbiville, Valandra, and Van Etten

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing the contributions of private landowners to the  
2 support of big game populations and requesting the Department of Game, Fish and Parks  
3 to alleviate financial losses to private landowners through wildlife depredation.

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota enjoys a long tradition of public shooting sports which are  
5 enjoyed by thousands of resident and nonresident hunters; and

6 WHEREAS, the continued existence of this outstanding sport resource is dependant in great  
7 measure upon the stewardship, goodwill, and civic mindedness of our farmers, ranchers, and  
8 private landowners; and

9 WHEREAS, the foraging of herds of deer, elk, and antelope can and do deplete the pasture  
10 and crops of our farmers and ranchers and sometimes comprise a substantial financial burden  
11 especially in times of drought and economic downturn; and

12 WHEREAS, South Dakota's hunters and sportsmen not only expect but desire that the  
13 Department of Game, Fish and Parks will attempt to alleviate wildlife depredation losses and



1     that revenues from hunting licenses and similar fees will support such efforts:

2           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-first Legislature of  
3     the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Department  
4     of Game, Fish and Parks should redouble its efforts to respond to and alleviate wildlife  
5     depredation complaints from South Dakota agriculturalists; and

6           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sporting and hunting communities who utilize the  
7     magnificent big game resources that South Dakota offers recognize and acknowledge the  
8     enormous contribution of farmers, ranchers, and private landowners in fostering, maintaining,  
9     and preserving our deer, elk, and antelope populations.